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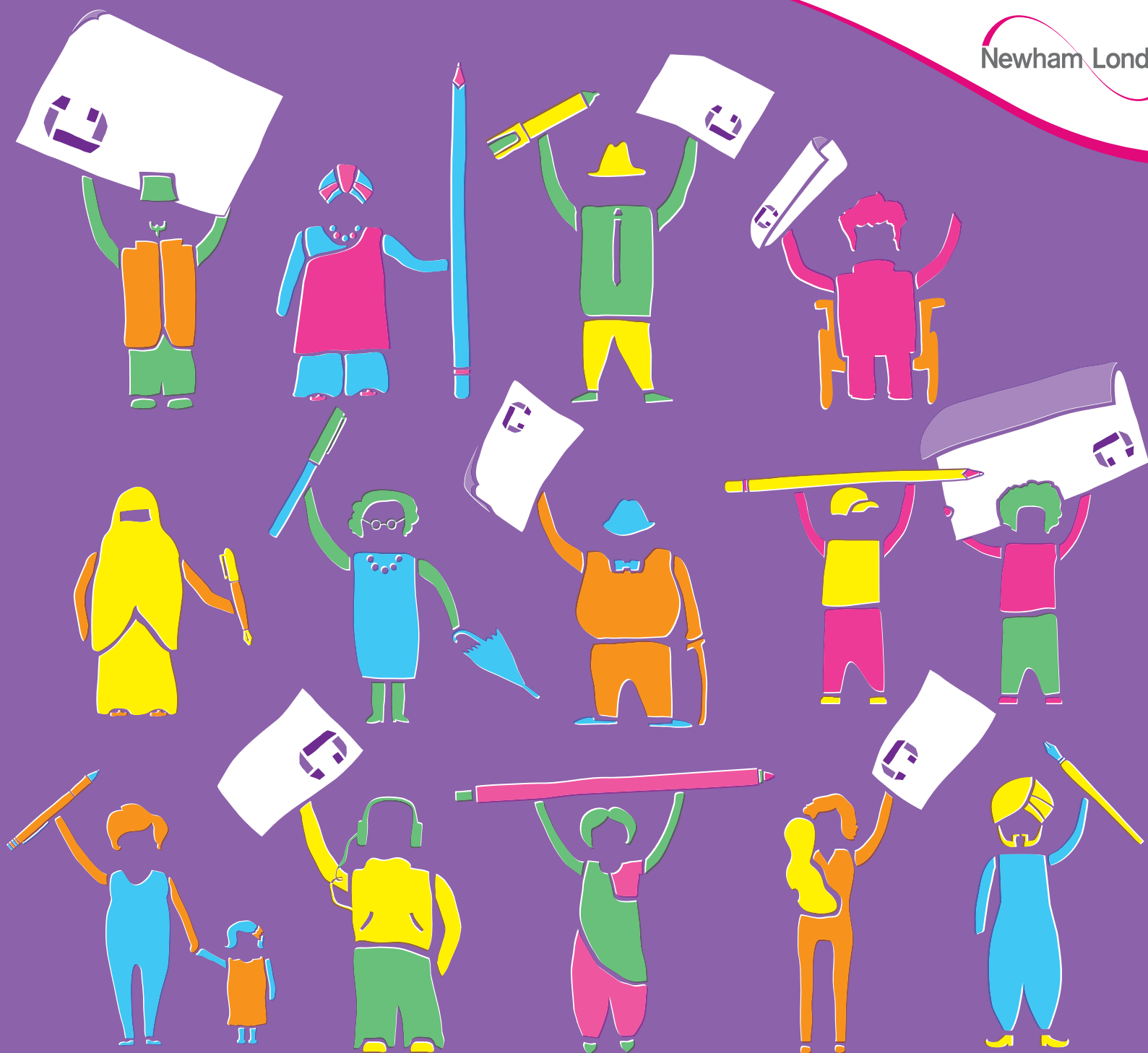
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Why your census form is worth
at least £6,000 (p10)



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Not completing your census
means you lose £6,000



Call **020 8430 2000**
email **census@newham.gov.uk**
or visit **www.newham.gov.uk/census**
for help and information.

Each completed census means that
Newham Council receives £6,000 from the
Government to spend on services for you.

Your census response is required by law.



This issue is all about community. As a borough – and a country – we are facing a tough year, but here we take a look at the positive impact that you, with the council, can make.

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questionnaire can bring change to our borough (p10). Read about the transformation of services in your area (p28), the street party planning pack that we're launching to help us get to know our neighbours (p17) and the Mayor's musical project to turn our schoolchildren into maestros (p9).

Cllr Richard Crawford
Executive member for
Community Affairs

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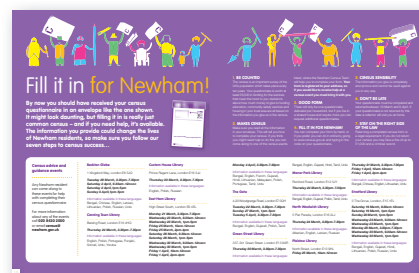
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IN BRIEF //

Transport survey

Whether you walk, cycle or use buses, trains or the Tube to get around the borough share your experiences with transport operators on Thursday 24 March.

Newham Council and transport watchdog London TravelWatch will be holding a drop-in surgery on a bus parked outside Stratford Station, between 10am and 4pm. If you complete a travel survey on the day you will be entered in a prize draw where you could win £50 of transport vouchers.

Correction

In issue 215, on page five, the Inspired by the Games news story should have credited Maryland Primary as the school that helped the council launch the Inspiring People campaign. We apologise to Maryland Primary School for the error.



Casino licence decision

Newham Council has awarded a large casino licence to Aspers for the new Westfield Stratford City development.

The Licensing Committee decision was based on strict criteria around finances, jobs, regeneration opportunities and safeguards against problem gambling. The licence is subject to an agreement that will guarantee community benefits, including 440 new jobs. For more details visit www.newham.gov.uk/casino

Homing in on regeneration boost

Countryside Properties, in partnership with Newham Council and housing provider Affinity Sutton, are set to begin the Fife Road phase of the £3.7 billion Canning Town and Custom House regeneration programme.

They are to start on an initial 139 homes as part of a wider development of 649 properties and a new building for Keir Hardie School. The first phase will be ready in 2013.

All the properties will be designed to 'lifetime homes' standard. Ten per cent will be suitable for disabled people and there will be affordable homes throughout the development, ranging from one and two bedroom apartments up to three and four bedroom maisonettes and houses.

Cllr Conor McAuley, executive member for regeneration, said: "The regeneration of this area is a priority for the council. We have been working very hard to secure the future of the scheme so I'm delighted that our plans to radically transform the area for residents and businesses are coming to fruition."



Sir Robin meets a different kind of council

North Beckton Primary school council members have played host to Mayor Sir Robin Wales at a special meeting. The school council, which is made up of one boy and one girl from each class between years 2 and 6, wanted to find out all about how the council is run. Each class put forward a number of questions and the school council voted on which they would most like answered. The questions included 'what does your job involve' and 'what kind of meetings do you have?'

Sir Robin said: "It was a real pleasure to meet the North Beckton School Council. They are a very organised group of children and a credit to the school and to Newham."





News

Home and away: private fostering arrangements

Did you know that if you're looking after a child aged under 16 (or under 18 if disabled) who is not a close relative for 28 days or more this counts as a private fostering arrangement?

If you're in this position, you or the child's parents must notify Newham Council. Parents are legally obliged to notify the council for the protection of the child or young person concerned.

We will then send a social worker to visit the family to ensure the child is properly cared for. This includes making sure the child is being given regular meals, is in good health, goes to school and is dressed in clean clothes. The social worker will also check if the child is staying in touch with their family and friends, and if they have access to their cultural traditions and religion.

If you are a young person being privately fostered, it's a good idea to know your rights. Your carer cannot: move you to live with another family, change your name, arrange for you to be married, prevent you from contacting your family or move you to live permanently abroad.

To inform the council of a private fostering arrangement, or to talk with someone about any of this, call 020 8430 2000 or visit www.newham.gov.uk/fostering



Call for Olympic stadium on EastEnders credits gathers momentum

The call by Mayor Sir Robin Wales to get the BBC to include the Olympic Stadium in the opening credits of TV soap EastEnders is gathering support.

Local newspapers the Newham Recorder and the Yellow Advertiser have called on readers to urge the broadcaster to update the famous London map featured on the flagship programme.

Sir Robin said: "There appears to be no plan to update the iconic EastEnders title sequence. A number of the key landmarks for the 2012 Games are already in place, including the stadium, velodrome and aquatics centre. I have called on the director general of the BBC to ensure that the iconic symbols of East End regeneration are put firmly on the map."

The BBC has said they have no plans to update the credits but will continue to make references to the 2012 Games in the show.

Cheer over school places

Figures have shown that almost 80 per cent of Newham children got a place at their first choice of secondary school from September.

Across London, the average was 65 per cent of pupils getting their first choice. Only one borough, Bexley, had a higher percentage of pupils getting the secondary school of their first choice at 81.1 per cent.

Councillor Quintin Peppiatt, executive member for children and young people, said: "Our schools are bucking the national trend where a third of pupils do not get the secondary school of their choice. We have worked hard to ensure Newham's parents have had the information to help them make informed choices. There is also excellent partnership working between our local primary and secondary schools."

The council has championed the use of online applications for both primary and secondary school. An online function called Newham school finder has also helped parents to calculate the distance from their home to their school of choice.



Students at Brompton Manor School

Employment promise is just the job



With council chief executive Kim Bromley-Derry at the new shopping centre

Every year I make a number of promises to residents and we'll be reporting on the commitments I made last year in future editions of the Newham Mag. This year the most important promise I've made is to protect residents from the savage cuts being imposed on Newham by the government. One of the best ways to do that is to work hard to get as many people as possible into jobs.

Over the past three years, Workplace, the council-led employment support service, has helped almost 6,000 people into work. Over the next year I want to get another 4,000 to 5,000 into work and 1,500 on to skills training courses so that they have the best chance of securing new and existing jobs.

An important opportunity in the next year comes in September with the opening of Stratford City – the largest urban shopping mall in Europe. By the time the development opens, it is

estimated that 8,500 retail jobs will be up for grabs. There are already 250 job opportunities for the long term unemployed to be offered at the new John Lewis store. I want local people to get them.

The council is working with various employers to set up a retail and hospitality academy called The Skills Place. This will support what we are doing through Workplace to provide people with the skills required to get work, and employers with people who are job ready when the centre opens.

I recently met employers at the new shopping centre to stress to them how important it is that local people can access the jobs being created there. The response I got from them was very encouraging. They want to recruit locally

and we must ensure they get the right people at the right time.

Our experience has shown that working alongside employers makes it easier to meet their needs and maximise the number of local people getting jobs. The opening of our third Workplace centre in East Ham to join those in Stratford and Canning Town shows just how effective the scheme is.

“These are exciting times for the whole of the borough”

These are exciting times for the whole of the borough. It must be local people who benefit most from the developments taking place.



Meeting with employers to discuss recruiting local people



Mayor's view

Stand up and be counted

We all need to put a big circle on our calendar around Sunday 27 March, the day of the 2011 Census.

I cannot stress how important it is that we all take part in the census. The more people who fill in the form the more money we get from government to spend on what matters most to residents.

The census is a detailed count of the UK's population which takes place every ten years. For each person included in a census form in Newham the council will receive around £6,000 from the government over the next ten years to spend on services.

"I cannot stress how important it is that we all take part in the census. The more people taking part means the more we get to spend on what you say matters to you."

I have raised some big concerns around the census and how the information it collects will be used to determine the amount of money we receive.



The size of our population has always been a thorny subject because we think the Office for National Statistics (who are responsible for the census) are undercounting us by at least 20,000 people, though in reality it is probably far more than that. If this undercount continues after the census we will lose £120m – a lot of money that could be invested in Newham.

When the borough took part in a census rehearsal designed to check that systems and procedures are ready and working before the real deal, only 23 per cent of the properties asked to send back information did so.

Please make sure you fill in the form and make sure that everybody in your household is included. If you need

help to complete it, take it to any of the advice and guidance events that are listed on pages ten and 11 of this edition of the Mag.

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If we are to close the gap between us and the rest of London in terms of quality of life then we all have to stand up and be counted.

with Sir Robin Wales



Street parties in Newham

Celebrate St. George's Day and the Royal Wedding by organising your own street party in Newham. Free, easy to follow help and a grant to get you started is available now.

To find out more visit www.newham.gov.uk/streetparty
or call **020 8430 2000**.

The Mayor's Promise #8

Every child a musician



Mum Donna Manuel
and daughter Lola

Music to our ears

Since September 2010, Every Child a Musician (ECaM) has been instrumental in putting songs in the hearts of children in 30 of our primary schools, with the remaining schools chiming in by the end of the 2010/2011 school year.

This groundbreaking project forms one of Sir Robin Wales's promises to residents. ECaM gives children in Year 5 the opportunity to learn a musical instrument for two years, at no cost to their parents. For many children this is a unique opportunity to expand horizons.

Portway Primary School pupils were some of the first to test their tuneful talents. *The Newham Mag* spoke to parents, pupils and the music teacher to see how the

ECaM programme has played out there.

Parent Donna Manuel said: "When my daughter's friends come round they often all start playing together on the keyboard. I think this programme is really good. I couldn't believe children get to keep their instrument if they continue to play for two years. It feels like we've won the lottery!"

Parent Cynthia Bolding agreed: "I always wanted piano lessons but my parents couldn't afford it. Since my daughter has started learning the keyboard I have never had to ask her to practise; she is very self-motivated."

Pupil Thanvir Shakib has enjoyed his guitar lessons and his mum has been really impressed with his enthusiasm to learn. He said: "I wanted to play the guitar because my big brother played it. My favourite tune so far is playing the EastEnders theme tune!"

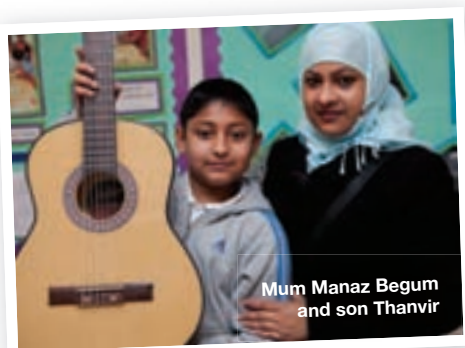
Mr Fasso, the music teacher at Portway



Mum Cynthia Bolding
and daughter Aliyah

Primary School, is 100 per cent behind the programme. "ECaM is a fantastic opportunity to learn a new skill. It's also great to use a motivational tool in the classroom."

If you're interested in becoming a music tutor, or to find out more about ECaM, visit: www.newham.gov.uk/everychildamusician

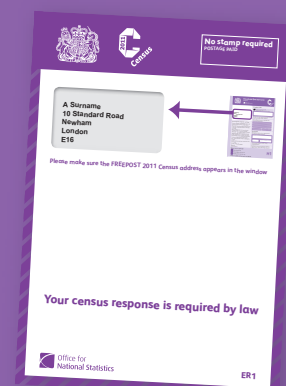


Mum Manaz Begum
and son Thanvir



Fill it in for Newham!

By now you should have received your census questionnaire in an envelope like the one shown. It might look daunting, but filling it in is really just common census – and if you need help, it's available. Each person's details are worth £6,000, so make sure you follow our seven steps to census success...



Census advice and guidance events

Any Newham resident can come along to these events, with their form, for help with completing their census questionnaire.

For more information about any of the events call **020 8430 2000** or email **census@newham.gov.uk**

Beckton Globe

1 Kingsford Way, E6

Tuesday 29 March, 3.30-7.30pm
Saturday 2 April, 9.30am-12noon
Saturday 2 April, 1-5pm
Sunday 3 April, 1-5pm

Information is available in: Bengali, Chinese, English, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Russian, Urdu

Canning Town Library

103 Barking Road, E16

Thursday 24 March, 3.30pm-7.30pm

Information available in these languages: English, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Somali, Urdu, Yoruba

Custom House Library

(beside Canning Town Rec)
 Prince Regent Lane, E16

Thursday 30 March, 3.30-7.30pm

Information is available in: English, Polish, Russian

East Ham Library

(beside Newham Town Hall)
 High Street South, E6

Monday 21 March, 3.30-7.30pm
Wednesday 23 March, 9.30am-12noon
Wednesday 23 March, 1-5pm
Friday 25 March, 10am-12noon
Friday 25 March, 2-4pm
Saturday 26 March, 9.30am-12noon
Saturday 26 March, 1-5pm
Wednesday 30 March, 9.30am-12noon
Wednesday 30 March, 1-5pm
Friday 1 April, 10am-12noon



1. BE COUNTED

The census is an important survey of the UK's population which takes place every ten years. Your questionnaire is worth at least £6,000 in funding for the services that mean the most to you; decisions about how much money to give to fund education, community safety services and housing in your local area are all based on the information you give us in the census.

2. MAKES CENSUS

Make sure you read all the information in your envelope. This will tell you how to complete your census. If you think you might need help to do this you can come along to one of the census events listed

below, where the Newham Census Team will help you to complete your form. **Your form is registered to your address, so if you would like to receive help at a census event you must bring it with you.**

3. GOOD FORM

There will only be one questionnaire delivered per household, but if you live in a shared house and require more you can request additional questionnaires.

4. FILL IT IN FOR NEWHAM!

You can complete your form by hand or if you prefer, you can do it online by going to www.census.gov.uk and typing in the code on your questionnaire.

5. CENSUS SENSIBILITY

The information you give is completely anonymous and cannot be used against you in any way.

6. DON'T BE LATE

Your questionnaire must be completed and returned between 19 March and 6 April. If your questionnaire is not returned by this date a collector will visit you at home.

7. STAY ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE LAW

Returning a completed census form is a legal requirement. If you do not return your census you may face a fine of up to £1,000 and a criminal record.

Friday 1 April, 2-4pm
Monday 4 April, 3.30-7.30pm

Information is available in: Bengali, English, French, Gujarati, Hindi, Lithuanian, Malayalam, Polish, Portugese, Tamil, Urdu

The Gate

4-20 Woodgrange Road, E7

Tuesday 22 March, 3.30-7.30pm
Sunday 27 March, 1-5pm
Tuesday 5 April, 3.30-7.30pm

Information is available in: Bengali, English, Gujarati, Polish, Tamil

Green Street Library

337-341 Green Street, E13

Thursday 30 March, 3.30-7.30pm

Information is available in: Bengali, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Tamil, Urdu

Manor Park Library

835 Romford Road, E12

Thursday 24 March, 3.30-7.30pm

Information is available in: Bengali, English, Gujarati, Polish, Tamil, Urdu

North Woolwich Library

5 Pier Parade, E16

Thursday 24 March, 3.30-7.30pm

Information is available in: Albanian, English, Latvian, Russian

Plaistow Library

(between 81 and 33) North Street, E13

Friday 25 March, 10am-12noon
Thursday 31 March, 3.30-7.30pm
Friday 1 April, 10am-12noon
Friday 1 April, 2-4pm

Information is available in: Bengali, Chinese, English, Lithuanian, Urdu

Stratford Library

3 The Grove, E15

Saturday 19 March, 9.30am-12noon
Saturday 19 March, 1-5pm
Sunday 20 March, 1-5pm
Wednesday 23 March, 9.30am-12noon
Wednesday 23 March, 1-5pm
Monday 28 March, 3.30-7.30pm
Wednesday 30 March, 9.30am-12noon
Wednesday 30 March, 1-5pm

Information is available in: Bengali, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Lithuanian, Polish, Russian, Urdu

Making Westfield work for you

When Westfield Stratford City opens in September, it will be the biggest urban shopping centre in Europe with around 8,500 retail jobs up for grabs. Newham Council with Westfield is working hard now to make sure residents get the most from these job opportunities - just like the people local to Westfield White City did when that retail complex opened its doors.



**The Mayor's
Promise #5**

Helping you to access
jobs and training

Programmes are already in place to make sure as many residents as possible are job-ready when Stratford City opens its doors. Our employment service Workplace has already helped almost 6,000 people into work in the past three years; but with the opening of Stratford City, Mayor Sir Robin Wales aims to get between 4,000 and 5,000 more into work this year alone – and another 1,500 on skills training courses.

Working with retailers including John Lewis, Marks and Spencer, Holiday Inn and Vue Cinemas, the council is setting up a retail and hospitality academy called The Skills Place to provide employment and training services. We are getting employers on board and have already secured

the commitment of John Lewis to earmark 250 job opportunities for Newham residents who have been unemployed for more than a year.

“My priority is to get as many people as possible into sustainable jobs or training.”

Sir Robin said: “My priority is to get as many people as possible into sustainable jobs or training. I am confident that Newham residents will benefit from a range of career opportunities at Stratford City, just like local people did when Westfield opened in White City.”

Tania's story

When Westfield White City opened in 2008, thousands of job opportunities were created for local residents. *The Newham Mag* caught up with Tania Carvalho from White City who is just one such resident now climbing the career ladder after gaining employment at the retail complex.

“I'd been unemployed since 2003 when I had my son,” she said. “I was looking for work, and I got in touch with Work Zone (the local employment service) and they got me a place on a first aid and retail skills programme.

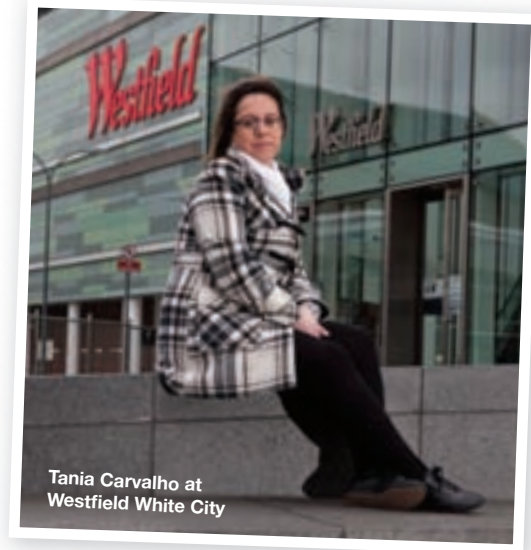
“It's great being back at work – it's like getting your life back”

“The course was really good. Because I hadn't been working for so long it helped me get back into it, find out all the bits and bobs and learn about customer service.

“When I went for my first job interview at Westfield White City with Thoughts Cards I was very nervous. But because I'd been on the course I felt more prepared and it was lovely to get the job.

“After a while I needed to change to full-time work so I got a job at Ecco Shoes in Westfield as team leader. Six months later I was promoted to assistant manager! I didn't think that would happen, but I'd proved myself and I got there in the end.

“Lots of people I know work at Westfield;



Tania Carvalho at Westfield White City

I've got three close friends who work here and I also know lots of friends of friends do.

“From working in the shopping centre you meet people from other shops and loads of them live locally.

“When Westfield opened all the shops were looking for people. Westfield was targeting people in the area, the job centres were always letting us know ‘that company's looking for people, this company's looking as well’, the newspapers were promoting it, word of mouth, websites – there were loads of jobs.

“When they were building it, Westfield talked to residents about the shopping centre and one of their promises was jobs for local people. It's lovely being able to live near where I work, and it's great being at work – it's like getting your life back.”

Get in touch with Workplace to access current job opportunities, as well as skills courses to make sure you are job ready. Visit www.newhamworkplace.co.uk/training or pop into your local branch: Stratford Boardman House, 64 Broadway; Canning Town The Place, 2 Silvertown Way; East Ham opposite Newham Town Hall, High St South.



Winter Active Centres

Aged 50 or over? Come and make new friends, keep active and learn something new at Newham's Winter Active Centres.

Go along to a Winter Active Centre near you and enjoy FREE entertainment

- Disco dancing
- Dressmaking **NEW**
- New Age Kurling
- Wii League
- BIG Bingo!
- Healthy eating and nutrition **NEW**
- Planting and growing
- Flower arranging **NEW**
- Cake decorating **NEW**
- Get online! **NEW**

Don't forget you can still get free swims for over 60s at all four leisure centres in Newham.

Available to Newham residents only. For further information please call **020 3373 3298** or visit **www.newham.gov.uk/activecentres**

Ascension Centre

Baxter Road
Custom House E16 2PB
020 7511 1232
Tuesdays and Thursdays
10.30am - 1.30pm

Beckton Community Centre

14 East Ham Manor Way
Beckton E6 5NG
020 7511 1214
Mondays 10am - 4.30pm
Tuesdays 10.30am - 4pm
Wednesdays and Thursdays
10am - 3.30pm
Fridays 10 - 11am

Bryant Street Methodist Church

Bryant Street
Stratford E15 4RU
020 8534 0085
Tuesdays 10am - 3pm

Chandos Community Centre

Colegrave Road
Stratford E15 1DZ
020 8534 0140
Mondays 11am - 2pm

Chatsworth Community Resource Centre

4 Chatsworth Road
Stratford E15 1RE
020 8555 4477
Wednesdays 12noon - 3pm (second and fourth Wednesday of the month)
Drop-in café available weekdays
10am - 3pm

Community Road Centre

Community Road
Stratford E15 1JT
020 8534 0664
Wednesdays 12noon - 4pm

Cundy Community Centre

Hartington Road
Custom House E16 3NP
020 7474 6056
Mondays 12noon - 3.30pm
Tuesdays and Thursdays 1 - 3pm
Wednesdays 12.30 - 3.30pm
Sundays 7 - 10.30pm

Domeney Court

58 St Antony's Road
Forest Gate E7 9QW
020 8548 0685
Tuesdays 10am - 12noon
Fridays 1 - 4pm

E13 Mix

Cumberland Road, Plaistow E13 8LH
07946 038142
Wednesdays 12noon - 3pm

Field Community Centre

147 Station Road
Forest Gate E7 OAE
020 8536 2800
Tuesdays 10am - 4pm
Wednesdays 9.30am - 4pm
Fridays 10.30 - 11.15am

Granwell Community Centre

97 Whitwell Road
Plaistow E13 8DA
020 7474 5930
Thursdays 12noon - 4pm
Sundays 7 - 10pm

Grassroots

Memorial Park
West Ham E15 3DB
020 7474 6376
Tuesdays 9.30am - 12noon

Hathaway Community Centre

Hathaway Crescent
Manor Park E12 6LR
020 8548 4980
Thursdays 11.30am - 3pm

Hibiscus Community Centre

Buckingham Road
Stratford E15 1SP
020 8519 6159
Tuesdays and Thursdays
11am - 3.30pm

Hoskins Community Centre

108 Hoskins Close
Canning Town E16 3RU
020 7511 1214
Mondays 12.30 - 2.30pm

Jack Cornwell Centre

Jack Cornwell Street
Manor Park E12 5NN
020 8553 3459
Wednesdays 10am - 1pm

Jeyes Community Centre

James Close
Plaistow E13 9BB
020 8471 5856 or 020 8548 9825
Mondays 12noon - 4pm
Tuesdays 12.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesdays 1.30 - 4.30pm

Katherine Road Community Centre

254 Katherine Road
Forest Gate E7 8PN
020 8548 9825
Mondays 2 - 5pm
Tuesdays 12.30 - 4pm
Wednesdays 1 - 5pm
Thursdays 9.30am - 4pm

London Tamil Sangam

369 High Street
Manor Park E12 6PG
020 8471 7672
Tuesdays 2 - 3pm
Wednesdays 11.30am - 12.30pm
Thursdays 11am - 12noon

Malayalee Association of UK

671 Romford Road
Manor Park E12 5AD
020 8553 4667
Tuesdays 1 - 4pm
Thursdays 10am - 3pm

Newham African Caribbean Resource Centre

627-633 Barking Road
Plaistow E13 9EZ
020 8471 2258
Wednesdays and Thursdays
10am - 3pm

Plaistow Park Community Centre

63 Queens Road West
Plaistow E13 OPE
020 8552 1334
Tuesdays 1 - 4pm

Rokeby Centre

63 Rokeby Street
Stratford E15 3NS
020 8555 3125
Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.30am
Fridays 1 - 3pm

Royal Docks Learning and Activities Centre

Albert Road
North Woolwich E16 2JB
020 7476 1666
Tuesdays 10am - 12noon
Thursdays and Fridays 1 - 3pm

Sree Naryana Guru Mission

16 Barking Road
East Ham E6 3BP
020 8471 0720
Mondays and Tuesdays
10.30am - 2pm

St George's

Burford Road
East Ham E6 3NN
07957 394176
Mondays 10am - 12.30pm

St Paul's Church Centre

227 Burges Road
East Ham E6 2EU
020 8472 5531
Mondays 10am - 12noon

SubCo Trust

49 Plashet Road
Plaistow E13 0QA
020 8548 0070
Wednesdays and Thursdays
12.30 - 3pm

The Hub

123 Star Lane
Canning Town E16 4PZ
020 7473 5249
Wednesdays 10am - 12noon

The Well Community Centre

49 Vicarage Lane
East Ham E6 6DQ
020 8586 7070
Tuesdays and Wednesdays
10am - 3pm

Trinity Community Centre

Bothwell Close
Canning Town E16 1QS
020 7476 5120
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
9.30am - 1pm

Trinity Community Centre

East Avenue
Manor Park E12 6SG
020 8472 8947
Monday - Friday 1.30 - 3.30pm

Upton Centre

Claude Road
Plaistow E13 0QB
020 8552 8647
Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
11am - 2pm

We'll Meet Again Group

Napier Lodge, Ranelagh School
Stratford E15 3DN
020 8534 4364
Fridays 1 - 3pm

Woodman Community Centre

Woodman Street
North Woolwich E16 2NF
020 7511 1214
Wednesdays 2 - 4pm



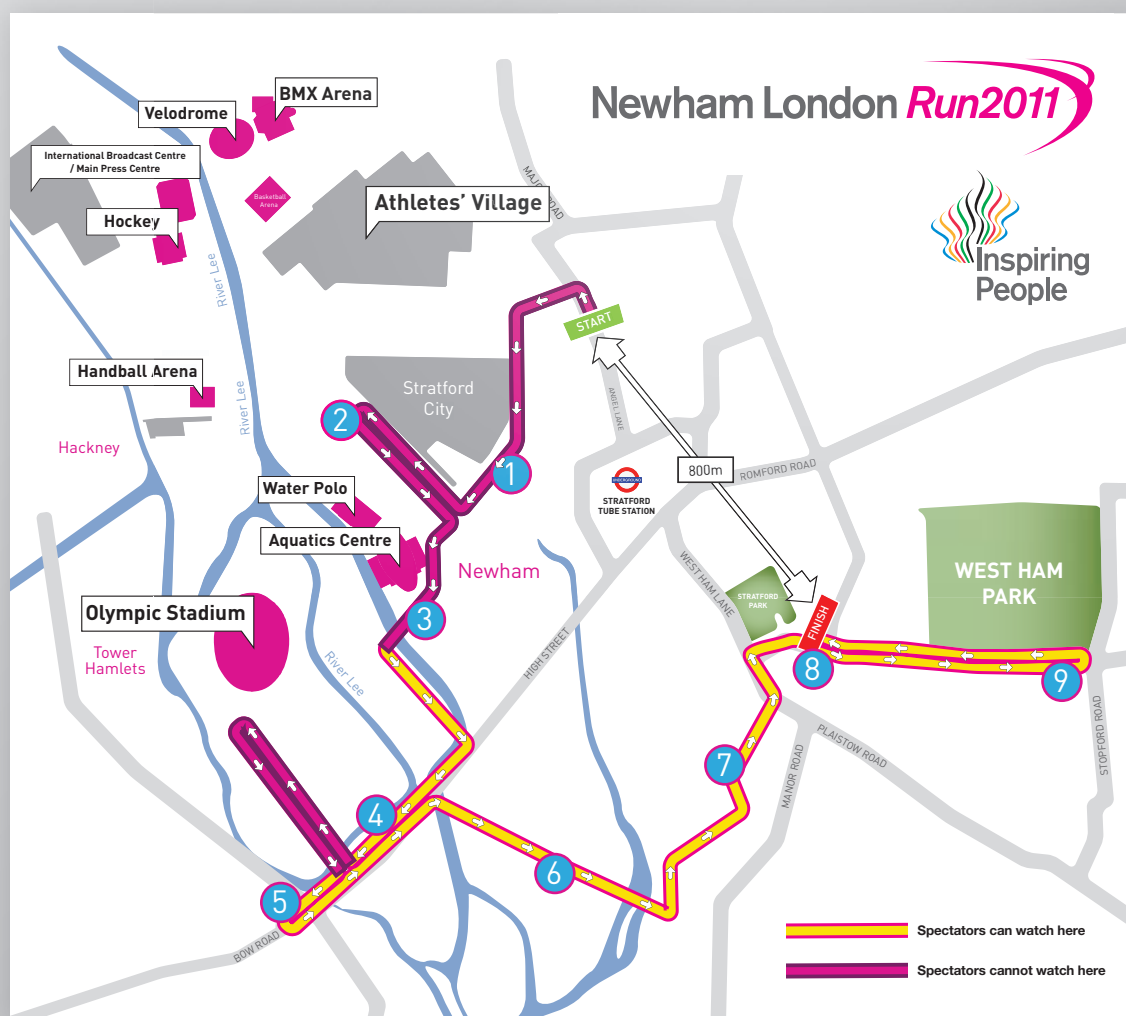
RUNNING IT PAST YOU

If you haven't signed up to the Newham London Run, why not jog on down to Stratford on Sunday 27 March between 9am and 12noon to cheer on the contenders. The second ever Newham London Run – and the first Junior Newham London Run – will bring the sights of Stratford alive.

This year an exciting new route will take runners and spectators past a stunning backdrop that showcases the best of Stratford, including Westfield Stratford City, Stratford High Street, the Olympic Park, the Greenway and Stratford Park.

So come along from 9am to see the sights of Stratford and cheer on the participants as they run, jog or walk along the route.

To find out about other ways you can get active in Newham visit www.newham.gov.uk/inspiringpeople





In Newham we continue to work hard to root out anti-social behaviour. Here is a small snapshot of the kind of work the council is doing to make your neighbourhood a better place.

Booze bust

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An undercover police officer bought alcohol from Canning Town convenience store Nisa Today at 2.10am, catching the store's owner in a crime that he's been convicted of twice. The council brought the case against Mr Bayrum Gumus, who pleaded guilty to three offences under the Licensing Act 2003 for displaying alcohol and allowing it to be sold outside the hours and conditions permitted by his licence.

Mr Gumus was given a 12 month conditional discharge, £250 fine, £15 victim surcharge and ordered to pay £250 court costs. He also lost his personal licence.

The designated premises supervisor, Mr Tayfon Donger, was given a 12 month

conditional discharge and ordered to pay £250 towards the council's court costs.

Licking late night licensing

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Drinking till the small hours at Stratford pub the Essex Arms has been given the heave-ho. Licensee Mr Glen Watson lost his appeal against the council's decision not to grant the venue a late licence to run until 3am on a Friday and Saturday night, instead granting a licence until midnight, with additional conditions including door supervisors. This followed objections to his application from local residents, the council's noise and nuisance team and the Metropolitan Police.

Mr Watson was ordered to pay the council's costs in this appeal amounting to £6,398.16.

Fair game

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The stakes were raised when East Ham's betting shops and adult gaming centres were targeted by council officers, who carried out a series of under-age test purchases.

Of the nine betting shops and one adult gaming centre visited, all ten allowed under-18s inside and four failed further by allowing them to either play on the gaming machine or to place bets.

Legal cases are now being prepared against those four venues.

**To report anti-social behaviour
call the 24-hour hotline on
0800 731 3300**



Let's get your party started

Next month there are two great reasons to take to the streets and enjoy a good old-fashioned knees-up. This year, St George's Day (23 April) falls on a Saturday and is followed closely by the royal wedding on Friday 29 April – a public holiday. This is a great opportunity for you and your neighbours to take over your street and enjoy an unforgettable party.

To make your party go with a bang, Newham Council has created a free street party pack, which is available from libraries, Local Service Centres or online by visiting www.newham.gov.uk/streetparty

The pack contains a simple application form, tips on how to get your party started, useful contacts and details on how to apply for a Go For It grant of up to £1,000. We've also got free bunting to help decorate your street and get you in the party mood.

A street party is a small gathering for residents on your road that is not externally publicised. They are a traditional part of East End life and a way for neighbours to get together and celebrate. From a formal sit-down affair to a more

casual get-together, whether you want to have a barbeque or want people to bring a dish, how you choose to host your party is down to you and your neighbours.

Street party checklist

- > Check out our free street party planning pack
- > Natter with your neighbours to see if they're interested
- > Make sure you inform the council of any road closures by 31 March
- > Provide entertainment for all ages
- > Grab a camera and capture memorable moments. Email them to us at newham.mag@newham.gov.uk

Having a street party?

The deadline for road closure applications has been extended. **If you'd like to host a street party and require your road to be closed to traffic you must inform the council by Tuesday 31 March.** If you want to sell alcohol or plan to host certain types of entertainment you may need to apply for a Temporary Event Notice. See the party pack for more details: www.newham.gov.uk/streetparty



Mapping the future

Making services more easily accessible is at the heart of the council's new plans to create community hubs. The hubs will provide community spaces for residents of all ages; spaces where they can come together with others, enjoy activities, access library services and find out what you need to know about most council services.

The community hubs will bring many benefits for residents. As well as providing essential services in one place, they will allow us to concentrate on delivering the best community facilities in the face of the tough cuts we are being forced to make right across the council.

The map opposite shows where the proposed new community hubs will be. Each hub will consist of one or more newly built or existing buildings within each Community Forum area. This will ensure the hubs are fit for purpose and provide the amenities you need in order to play a full and active part in community life.

“Each hub will either be newly built or a refurbished existing building so that the facilities provided are fit for purpose”

Each hub will provide library services for residents, space for groups to run activities and facilities for residents to talk to the council, and will become the focal point for the whole local community.










The locations of all of the buildings have been carefully chosen so that all residents will be within easy reach of their local hub.

The map on the right, which only shows buildings owned by the council, highlights the significant number of other

community facilities that will remain in each area. Newham also has a wealth of other spaces run by outside organisations for residents to continue using, as well as the borough's many schools, which also provide services for local communities.

These changes will not happen overnight. The hubs will be introduced over the next two years. The council will shortly begin speaking to local groups for their input into how the hubs will provide the best facilities for each community. Keep reading *the Newham Mag* and *In Focus* for future updates on this project.

Community Forum area hubs

-  Beckton
 -  Plaistow
 -  East Ham
 -  Green Street
 -  Stratford and West Ham
 -  Manor Park
 -  Custom House and Canning Town
 -  Forest Gate
 -  Royal Docks
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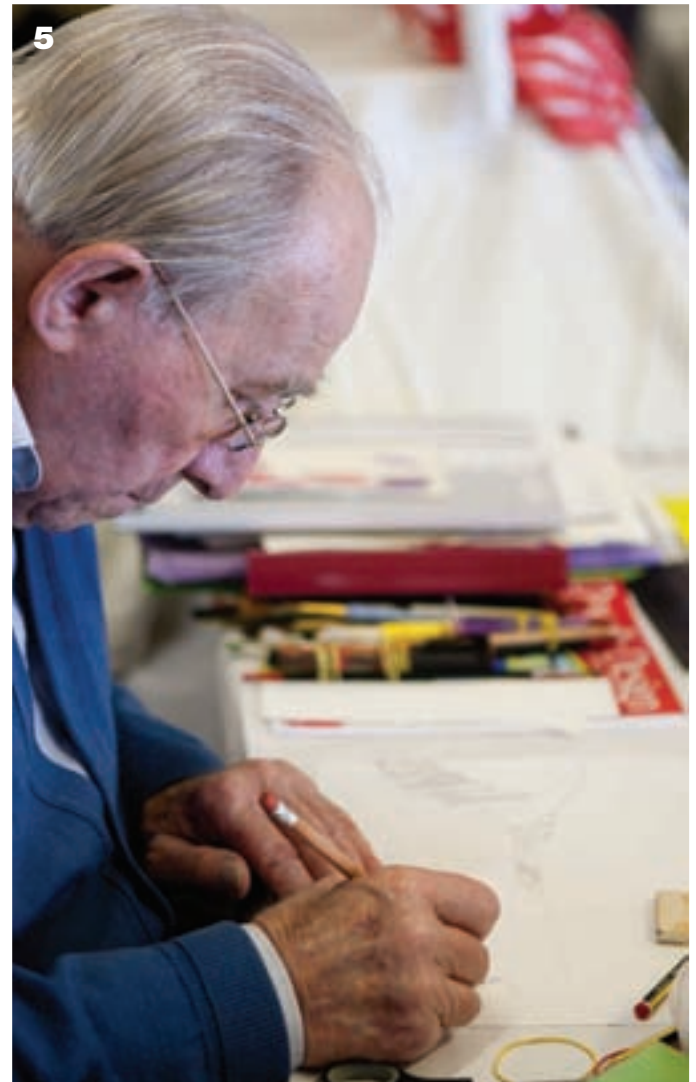


List of Hubs

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 Chandos Community Centre | 5 North Woolwich Learning Zone | 9 Forest Gate Learning Zone |
| 2 Stratford Library | 6 Beckton Globe | 10 The Gate |
| 3 Grassroots | 7 East Ham Campus | 11 Upton Centre |
| 4 Canning Town Library | 8 Manor Park LSC | 12 Newham African Caribbean Resource Centre |



Newham in pictures



1 A ballerina from the Deborah Day Theatre School takes centre stage at the East Ham Community Forum Spring event. **2** A young mind develops at North Woolwich Children's Centre. **3** London's burning! Stratford's Ranelagh Primary School recreates the Great Fire of London. **4** Serving up ways to get active – at the community forum badminton competition. **5** Drawing on experience at the Beckton Spring Festival.

The Soprano

From Sandy in *Grease* to the soprano blowing bubbles at Stratford Station, Sovra Newman is the singing sensation bringing music to Newham's ears. A professional singer, actress and dancer, Sovra moved to Manor Park 23 years ago.

How did you get into show business?

My parents were actors. When I was about four, I saw some kids on the telly and asked why I wasn't up there on the screen – as you do! My mother said the children had been to stage school and I said 'can I go?' Mum said no but they'd think about it when I was moving from primary to secondary school.

Basically, they hoped I'd forget about it, but I didn't and my mother always believed in telling children the truth. So come change of school time, I auditioned and got into the Arts Educational School, then based in the Barbican.

What was stage school like?

Half the school would do vocational

studies in the morning, ie dance, drama, whatever, while the other did academic studies and then come lunchtime they'd swap around.

I'd always wanted to be an actress but I'd always sung. The first job I ever had was as a singing waitress, then I went into cabaret. I'm a trained soprano and I was touring with a production called Amadeus, all about Mozart, when I developed a real interest in classical music.

What have been some of the highlights of your career?

I played Sandy in *Grease* and performed the role of Peter in *Peter Pan*, because back then it was a role always played

by girls. I sang the part of the Queen of the Night in the opera *the Magic Flute* and she has these extraordinary arias which go very high and I got to do it at the Minack Theatre in Cornwall, which was right on the cliff edge. That was a stunning thing to do.

How did you get involved in the Stratford Gaff film installation at Stratford Station?

Matt Stokes, whose project this is at Transport for London, was looking for artists in the borough and my name was suggested. We filmed the installation in spring last year at Stratford Circus. There's Vic the transvestite magician,



Murray Melvin from the Theatre Royal and me singing *I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles*.

Why did you choose to sing *Bubbles*?

I was part of the *Green Street the Musical* project in 2008 with about 30-40 residents from the community forum area. It was a sort of flying history of Green Street starting in 1908, when the first London Olympics were staged. For the third scene we were into the 1920s and the General Strike, and I found out that *I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles* is actually a music hall song, written in 1919, and is really a very charming piece. And I thought it so particular and pertinent to the area I chose to sing that.

What teaching do you do?

I never set out to teach but now I love it. I help run the Wells Belles and Beaus for older residents at the Well Community Centre, they have sung at the Mayor's Newham Show a couple of times. And now I work in a few of the Winter Active Centres including the new one at Dominey Hall, 58 St Antony's Road, Forest Gate, and Beckton Community Centre.

I think the singing/performance scene in Newham is pretty brilliant really.

What advice would you give people thinking of pursuing a career on the stage?

It is hard. I would say pay little notice

to your X Factors and let's search for Nancy kind of things; it's not the way the business really works. Be true to yourself; if you've got an ambition, find out how you can work towards it. There are no short cuts and you need to persevere. Keep knocking on doors.

You can see Sovra in *The Stratford Gaff: A Serio-Comick-Bombastick-Operatic Interlude* on display at Stratford Station until July. Find out more about Sovra's network of opera singers, The Food of Love, by visiting www.thefoodoflove.org.uk

Got something to
shout about? Email your
ideas to [@newham.gov.uk](mailto:newham.mag)

YOUR SPACE

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TEENS AND TODDLERS

Students from Canning Town's Eastlea School took part in Teens and Toddlers, a project that combines mentoring a toddler with life-coaching and classroom sessions on topics such as parenthood, sexual health and anger management. The project provides young people with the chance to gain an accredited Level 1 NCFE Award in Interpersonal Skills.

Shani McTaggart and Olamide Akinola are two of the young people who took part in the project.

"Teens and Toddlers was a great experience for me," said Shani.

"The best thing about the project has to be when I entered the nursery each week and my toddler would run up to me, saying my name"

"It was a lot more than just learning stuff like we do in school. We got to interact with the toddlers and watch them progress, not realising at the same time we were progressing too."

Olamide agreed: "I also liked classroom time. Every week it made me feel secure and helpful, like I was doing something for society. The nursery teachers set me a target for my toddler, to help him run around more and join in with physical activities, and before the end of the project he did well."

Shani added: "The best thing about the project has to be when I entered the nursery each week and my toddler would run up to me, saying my name."

"The most surprising thing about working with the toddlers is that you get attached to them so easily and quickly; the week before the end of the project, I hadn't seen my toddler for three weeks because of the Christmas holidays, and he wasn't as close to me as he had been before. So I let him wander off with his friends instead of building up our relationship again – then it wouldn't be so hard to say goodbye."



Shani and Olamide

Find out more about the Teens and Toddlers
programme by visiting www.teensandtoddlers.org



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Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates March 2011

Number of bedrooms

Weekly amount

shared room rate (one bedroom in shared accommodation)	£ 80.77
1 bedroom	£ 168.46
2 bedrooms	£ 207.69
3 bedrooms	£ 265.00
4 bedrooms	£ 300.00
5 bedrooms	£375.00

The table shows the rates we will use to calculate the maximum amount of housing benefit for tenants affected by LHA. The actual amount of benefit that a tenant will get depends on income, savings and who lives with them.

How to work out LHA entitlement

The LHA rate a tenant is entitled to depends on the number of bedrooms allowed for them and their household.

One bedroom is allowed for each of the following:

- > a couple
- > a single adult/young person (over 16)
- > two children of the same sex under the age of 16
- > two children regardless of sex under the age of 10
- > any other child

For example, an adult couple with a child would be entitled to one bedroom for the couple and one bedroom for the child.

This means that the 2 bedroom LHA rate would be used to work out their benefit.

Call Newham Council Tax and Benefits Service on **020 8430 2000** for further information



What experience could you bring to a Fostering or Adoption Panel?

Our Fostering and Adoption Panels consider the approval of prospective foster carers and adopters, the annual reviewing of foster carers and the matching of children with both prospective adopters and long-term foster carers. Both panels meet monthly, on a Tuesday.

Do you fit the profile?

We want to have a variety of experience on our panels, to represent all aspects of fostering and adoption and we are currently looking to recruit people who have experience in this area, to become panel members.

We are therefore looking to recruit people who:

- have adopted, or fostered a child, or
- are a parent whose child has been fostered or adopted, or
- individuals who have an interest in this area of our work.

We particularly have a shortage of male and ethnic minority panel members.

If you would like to become a Newham Fostering or Adoption Panel Member, please apply online at **www.newham.gov.uk/fostering** or **www.newham.gov.uk/adoption**

If you would like to discuss the panel member role further, please call Ann Kent on **020 3373 8606**.

Public Notice



London Borough of Newham Council Tax – 2011/12

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 28 February 2011 Under Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992, the Council of the London Borough of Newham set the following amounts of Council Tax for the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012.

DATED this 9th day of March 2011.

Valuation band

Amount of Council Tax

A	£836.97
B	£976.46
C	£1,115.96
D	£1,255.45
E	£1,534.44
F	£1,813.43
G	£2,092.42
H	£2,510.90

Kim Bromley-Derry
Chief Executive
Dated 9 March 2011



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BE PRO-ACTIVE WITH YOUR PROSTATE

A community centre is usually the last place you'd expect to go to get your prostate checked but a new service at the Newham Afro-Caribbean Resource Centre (NACRC) is changing that. With the introduction of a prostate clinic, men in Newham can now access vital healthcare services without visiting their GP.

Newham resident David Idiabana, who also manages the NACRC in Plaistow, was one of the first to access the new walk-in service provided by Newham University NHS Hospital Trust. He, like many other men, was reluctant to go to his GP for a routine prostate check-up but said the community centre setting made the medical "more private and relaxed, as visiting a community centre doesn't have the same stigma as going to the doctor".

The prostate is a walnut-sized gland in a man's rectum. Prostates play a crucial role in the sex life of men, producing some of the fluid in semen. Most men's prostates naturally enlarge as they get older. In some cases this can cause urinary problems but, if caught early, treatment to alleviate symptoms is available.

NACRC is the first venue in the borough to offer a walk-in prostate clinic. All men need to do to access the discreet service is turn up. David was seen by a nurse

who initially assessed him before he was referred to the on-site consultant who undertakes any tests needed, usually a blood test. David said: "All in all, the whole process took about ten minutes and I got most of the results on the same day.

"I probably wouldn't have gone to the hospital but this was easy, as I could just drop in without an appointment. I've got some really helpful advice and it has given me peace of mind knowing I don't have any health issues in that department."



Lead urology consultant at NUHT, Dr Frank Chinegwundoh and David Idiabana.

Problems with your prostate?

The prostate clinic is open every Monday and Tuesday, 2-7.30pm, at Newham Afro-Caribbean Resource Centre, 627 Barking Road, E13.

If you're a man experiencing any of the following symptoms visit the drop-in service or your GP:

- needing to urinate often, especially at night
- difficulty starting to urinate
- straining to urinate or taking a long time to finish
- pain when urinating or during sex.

Manor Park the

Manor Park is the relatively modern name for the ancient parish of Little Ilford. Home to little more than 100 people until the turn of the 19th century, the area has been shaped by numerous events from the building of a jail and cemetery to the arrival of the railway.

When the Domesday Book was compiled in 1086 the parish of Little Ilford was known simply as Ilford. It was not until the 13th century that the area came to be called 'Little' to distinguish it from the growing settlement of 'Great' Ilford on the eastern side of the Roding river. It is 'Great' Ilford that we now call Ilford.

The Domesday account reveals that in 1086 Little Ilford was a tiny settlement with a population of ten. Its distance from the main thoroughfare kept population growth to a minimum between the 11th and 19th centuries, and also protected the settlement from plague.

18th century

Chapman and André's map of 1777 shows the parish of Little Ilford as it was before modern change. The hamlet consisted of the parish church, Manor Farm and a few cottages.

During the Napoleonic Wars, a joint meeting of the Little Ilford and East Ham Vestries agreed to provide a man "for the services of his Majesty's Navy". The same vestry hoped to encourage volunteers for the militia by giving three guineas a head to all who enlisted. By these means, the parish tried to do its part in bringing about the "destruction" of "an inveterate and ferocious enemy".

19th century

The Manor House, from which Manor

Park derives its name, was built between 1810 and 1827 by James Humphries, Lord of the Manor of West Ham. The building still stands today on Gladding Road.

The Eastern Counties Railway company purchased the estate from Edward Humphries and it was leased or sold (accounts vary) to William Storrs Fry, the son of the famous prison reformer Elizabeth Fry.

He died in 1844, but his widow retained possession until 1866 when the estate was purchased by the Victoria Land Company. The grounds were developed for the first housing in Manor Park.

During this century, Manor Park and Little Ilford were intersected by railways including The Great Eastern line, from London to Romford, and the line from Forest Gate to Barking. Manor Park Station stands on land which was once part of the Manor House grounds.

Between 1829 and 1831, the population of Little Ilford increased dramatically with the arrival of inmates for the newly constructed jail on the north side of Romford Road between Worcester and Gloucester Roads. Little Ilford House of Correction is described in White's Essex Directory as a brick building with accommodation for about 100 prisoners. It was conducted "on the silent system" with sixty cells, eight day wards, ten airing yards and a treadmill.

In 1854, the City of London

Corporation bought part of the Manor of Aldersbrook and in 1857 built a cemetery there. It was one of the finest in London. The need for stonemasons brought a new type of employment to a community previously engaged primarily in agriculture.

20th century

The century began inauspiciously for some Little Ilford inhabitants whose homes were submerged by floods in 1903. Houses in the area where Grantham, Alverstone and Waltham roads now stand were so badly affected by the flooding that boats had to be hired for use by the flood victims.

Since the Second World War, the Manor Park area has been the site of one of the largest housing developments in Newham. Started in 1968 and taking about three years to complete, much of the old housing and the boys' school around Grantham, Walton, and Alverstone roads, together with properties on the Romford Road, were demolished and new flats, houses and shops built.

For more information on the history of Newham, check out <http://newhamstory.com>, call 020 3373 6881 or visit our archives and heritage team at Stratford Library.

rough the ages

City of London Cemetery, 1856



Romford Road, Manor Park



Manor Park Station G. E. R.



Manor Park Station, 1909

Floods in Grantham Road, 1903



Manor House



Proposed Manor Park Library drawing
by A H Campbell, East Ham Borough Engineer



Music for the masses

Newham Academy of Music (NAM) invites you to a series of events to celebrate the coming of spring.

From Tuesday 29 March to Saturday 9 April, venues across the borough will host music and melodies from Newham's finest musicians.

From piano and percussion to choral concerts, there's music to suit all tastes. The timetable of events includes a free jazz night at the Railway Tavern pub, Angel Lane, E15, on Saturday 2 April at 7pm.

If you're into alternative sounds don't miss the Electro Night at Grassroots, Memorial Park, Memorial Avenue, E15, on Friday 8 April. The season comes to an end on Saturday 9 April with a grand concert celebrating ten years of the Newham Youth Orchestra at Newham Town Hall, Barking Road, E6. Both these events start at 7pm and entry on the door is £5/£3 concessions; under 16s and NAM students go free to all concerts.

For all event listings visit

www.newham-music.org.uk



Is your mutt top dog?

Whether you've a pampered pooch or a faithful fido, bring it and your friends and family to the free Top Dog Show on Sunday 10 April, in Canning Town.

Designed to be a fun day out with a serious message, find out all you need to be a responsible dog owner while enjoying all that man's best friend has to offer.

Aldersbrook Dog Trainers will be hosting sessions and there'll be free dog microchipping on the day, as well as canine competitions, where your dog could walk away with a rosette. If that doesn't get their tails wagging, the dancing dogs demonstrations will have them barking for more. There'll also be free pooper scoopers to encourage owners to pick up their doggie's deposits.

The Top Dog Show takes place in the community event's space on Clarkson Road, E16, opposite Canning Town Station, and is supported by the Custom House and Canning Town Active Community Team and delivered by Newham Council. **For more information call Sam on 020 3373 3538.**



SHARE YOUR THEATRE VENTURES

To mark 30 years of treading the boards, Theatre Venture is embarking on a project to capture your memories of the Stratford-based arts organisation.

The team is looking for contributions from anyone who has had a connection with Theatre Venture, either as participants, artists, audience members or staff.

The project will showcase Theatre Venture's achievements through the voices of individuals and community groups, publicly celebrating the success of the company and the people who have made their work possible.

Share your memories by contacting Rebecca on 020 8519 6678 or email rebecca@theatre-venture.org

The stories will be uploaded to **www.theatre-venture.org** and feature in the company's monthly newsletter.

You Be the Judge at Stratford Magistrates' Court

Take a behind-the-scenes look at the work of magistrates at a free event that shows you how our courts work.

You Be the Judge takes place on Saturday 9 April at Stratford Magistrates' Court, High Street, E15, from 9.30am-1.30pm.

Sit alongside magistrates and lawyers as they re-enact real cases that have been heard at the court. Magistrates will also be available to discuss their work and explain their role to anyone interested in following in their footsteps. Unlike professional judges, most magistrates are men and women from all walks of life who give their time for free.

For more information contact Jim on 07960 954 577.



Females Dare2Dance

More than 100 girls came together for a mass hip-hop dance class at the Indoor Multi Sports Centre, Newham Leisure Centre, E13.

The Dare2Dance Empowerment Day used street dance to help improve the confidence of the young women. By the end of the event, students from Cumberland, Plashet, Langdon, Lister and Kingsford secondary schools were breakin', poppin' and krumpin' like hip-hop supremos. The group also learned about the history of street dance and were treated to a performance by the professionals.

Free street dance classes for females aged 14-24 are held every Friday from 3.30-5.30pm at Newham Leisure Centre, Prince Regent Lane, E13. **For more information call 020 3373 1564.**



Save a life – give blood

If you're aged between 17 and 65, weigh more than 50 kg (7stone 12lbs) and are in general good health, you can potentially save a life by giving blood at the following sessions:

- > **Monday 21 March, St Mark's Church Hall, Lorne Road, E7, 2-3.45pm and 5-7.30pm**
- > **Tuesday 29 March, West Ham United Hotel, Green Street, E13, 2-3.45pm and 5-7.30pm**
- > **Wednesday 30 March, Beckton Globe, Kingsford Way, E6, 2-3.45pm and 5-7.30pm**

To book an appointment call the Donor Line on **0300 123 23 23** or visit **www.blood.co.uk**



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GALLERY



Deepan Kumar, 7



Inaam Ellahi, 9



Priya Kainth, 4



Winner

Gaia Eliza Catillo, 6

This fortnight's best entry wins tickets to Stratford Circlets



Stratford Circlets

The winner shown on this page will receive four tickets to see the sold out **Suitcase Circus at Stratford Circus on Saturday 26 March**. Wobulous Discombobulous, the anarchic sock, presents a line up of extraordinarily talented performing objects, all with their own unique and captivating storylines. Suitcase Circus is aimed at children of four years and over.

Get your entries in now to be in with a chance of winning a £10 Newham Bookshop voucher. Send your pictures, jokes and poems to **Kids' Corner, West Wing, Fourth Floor, Newham Dockside, 1000 Dockside Road, London E16 2QU**. Don't forget to write your name, age, address and contact daytime telephone number on the back of your entry. **Good luck!**

Colour-me-in Crossword



Across

1. Rabbits like these vegetables (7)
5. Another name for rabbits (7)
6. Type of oriental cat (7)
7. Slender pieces of metal used in sewing (7)
10. Brownish songbird (7)

Down

1. Young lion (3)
2. An aeroplane lands on this strip (6)
3. It is used when cooking Italian food (5,3)
4. Opposite of brother (6)
6. Fernando Torres's nationality (7)
8. In sport it is thrown at a board (4)
9. Tools used by joiners for cutting wood (4)

Joke

Why do we plant bulbs?
To help worms see in the dark!

Zara Rahman, 8

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TRY SOMETHING NEW... GAMES CLUBS

Whether you worship the Wii, are passionate about the PS3 or crazy about the X-box, head down to the library for an afternoon of fun at the Games Club.

The weekly sessions are held at libraries across the borough. Young people aged between seven and 21 can drop-in to the free sessions to play in turns or pit against each other in mini-tournaments. If this is too much excitement for you there are also traditional games, including Monopoly, Jenga and Scrabble, for you to play.

For a different library experience, see session details on page 35, under 'young people'.



ALL LIBRARY LISTINGS

See Library Contacts for venue details.

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Storytelling

Beckton Globe

Friday 10-11am

Canning Town

Monday 10.30-11.30am

Custom House

Tuesday 10.15-11.15am

East Ham Wednesday
2-3pm

The Gate Friday
11am-12noon

Green Street Thursday
10.30-11.30am

Manor Park Thursday
10.30-11.30am

North Woolwich
Thursday 2-3pm

Plaistow

Tuesday 11am-12noon

Stratford Tuesday
11am-12noon and
Friday 2-3pm

Crafts Club

Manor Park
Tuesday 10.30-11.30am

Toy Library

Beckton Globe Monday
10am-12noon and
Thursday 1-3pm

East Ham Tuesday
10am-12noon and Thursday
10am-12noon

Imaginative Play

East Ham Friday
10.30-11.30am

Learning & Craft

Beckton Globe Tuesdays
during school term
1.30-2.30pm

ADULT READING

Adult Reading Groups

East Ham Monday 21 March
6.30-7.30pm

OTHER GROUPS

Over 50s Club

Beckton Globe Tuesday
9.45-11.45am

Click-On – computer
sessions for over 50s, contact
the library to book a place

East Ham Friday 10am-
12noon and 2-4pm

Plaistow Friday 10am-12noon
and 2-4pm

ICT Surgeries

Green Street

Tuesday 10am-12noon

The Gate Thursday 10am-12noon

Knit & Natter – craft group
for men and women of all ages
and abilities

Beckton Globe Wednesday
10am-12noon

Canning Town

Friday 10am-12noon

Writers' Group

The Gate Tuesday 29 March
5.45-7.45pm

Movie Night at Stratford Library

– free showing the
film 'Percy Jackson and the
Lightening Thief' (Cert. PG)
Directed by Chris Columbus.
Starring Steve Coogan and
based on the book by Rick
Riordan. Thursday 31 March
6-8pm (prompt start)

YOUNG PEOPLE

Homework Club – All young
people aged seven to 14 can get
free study support at their local

library on the days and times below. School term only.

Beckton Globe

Tuesday 4-6pm

Canning Town

Thursday 4-6pm

Custom House

Thursday 4-6pm

East Ham

Monday 4-6pm

The Gate

Tuesday 4-6pm

Green Street

Tuesday 4-6pm

Manor Park

Thursday 4-6pm

North Woolwich

Monday 3.30-5.30pm

Plaistow Thursday 4-6pm

Stratford Monday 4-6pm

Games Clubs – Sony PS3 or Xbox 360 and Nintendo Wii games, board games and many more free activities for eight to 13-year-olds.

Canning Town

Monday 3.30-5.30pm

Custom House

Tuesday 3.30 to 5.30pm

East Ham

Tuesday 3.30-5.30pm

Manor Park Monday 3.30-5.30pm

Stratford Playerz – Free activities for young people aged 12 and over.

Stratford Thursday 24 March 4-6pm

Teenage Games Club –

PS2 and Xbox games, music, board games and many more activities for ages 12-16.

Beckton Globe Wednesday 3-5pm

Teen Xtra Evenings – Free activities for ages 12-21.

The Gate Thursday 6-8pm

Family Reading Group – A chance for children aged five to 11 and their families to read and have fun together.

The Gate Saturday 26 March 2.30-4pm

OTHER

Bedtime Tales – Bring a blanket and your favourite teddy for some snooze-worthy stories for those aged seven and under at a library near you. As well as storytelling, the Bookstart bear will be making a special appearance and giving away treasure chests containing a free reading book, crayons and a colouring book. Bedtime tales will be held from 6-7pm at:

Beckton Globe

Tuesday 22 March

Plaistow Library

Thursday 24 March

LIBRARY CONTACTS

Beckton Globe 1 Kingsford Way, E6 5JQ. 020 3373 0853

Canning Town Barking Road, E16 4HQ. 020 3373 0854

Custom House Prince Regent Lane, E16 3JJ. 020 3373 0855

East Ham High Street South, E6 6EL. 020 3373 0827

The Gate 4-20 Woodgrange Road, Forest Gate, E7 0QH. 020 3373 0856

Green Street 337-341 Green Street, E13 9AR. 020 3373 0857

Manor Park Romford Road, E12 5JY. 020 3373 0858

North Woolwich 5 Pier Parade, E16 2LJ. 020 3373 0843

Plaistow North Street, E13 9HL. 020 3373 0859

Stratford 3 The Grove, E15 1EL. 020 3373 0826

Archives and Local Studies 020 3373 6881

Community Outreach

Services For more information call 020 3373 0813

SPORTS PROGRAMME

Basketball

Newham NSP (free)

- Basketball coaching, 8-19

Mon, 7.30-9pm

Little Ilford Youth Centre, E12

- Basketball Competition, 8-19

Tues, 6-7.30pm

Lister School (Sports Hall), E13

- 3 vs 3 league, 8-19

Thurs, 5-7pm

Forest Gate Youth Centre, E7

Youngbloods Basketball

- Under-12s, mixed

Saturdays, East Ham Leisure Centre

1-3pm

- Under-13/14s, boys

Mondays, 6-8pm, St Angela's School

Tuesdays, 5.30-7.30pm

Newham Leisure Centre

- Under-14s, girls

Mondays, 4.30-6pm, St

Angela's School

Tuesdays, 5.30-7.30pm,

Newham Leisure Centre

- Under-15/16, boys

Tuesdays, 6-8pm, East Ham Leisure Centre

Fridays, 6-8pm, St Angela's School

- Under-17/18 boys

Tuesdays, 8-9.45pm, East Ham Leisure Centre

Thursdays, 7-9pm, St

Bonaventure's School

Fridays, 6-8pm, St Angela's School

Each session costs £1. Contact Caroline on 07958 307 657 for more details.

Football

Newham NSP (free)

Five-a-side

- U14 & U18

Mon, 6.30-8.30pm

Newham Leisure Centre, E13

- 11-18

Wed, 5-8pm

Priory Park MUGA, E6

- 8-19

Wed, 5-6.30pm

Keir Hardie Park, E16

- Five-a-side, 8-19

Fri, 6-7.30pm

Scud Park, Tant Avenue, Canning Town, E16.

- Mayor's Football League, U14, U18,

Thurs, 4-6pm

Memorial Park

- Coaching and competition, 8-19,

Sun, 1-2pm

Winsor Park, E6

- Monthly tournament

U12, U14, U18, 10am-1pm

First Sat of the month

Plashtet Park, E6

WHU Kickz (free)

Mon

- U14, 4-5.30pm

- 15+, 5.30-7.00pm

West Ham Community Astro Turf (Beckton)

- 11-18, 5-8pm

Forest Gate Youth Centre, E7

Tues

- U14, 4-5.30pm

- 15+, 5.30-7pm

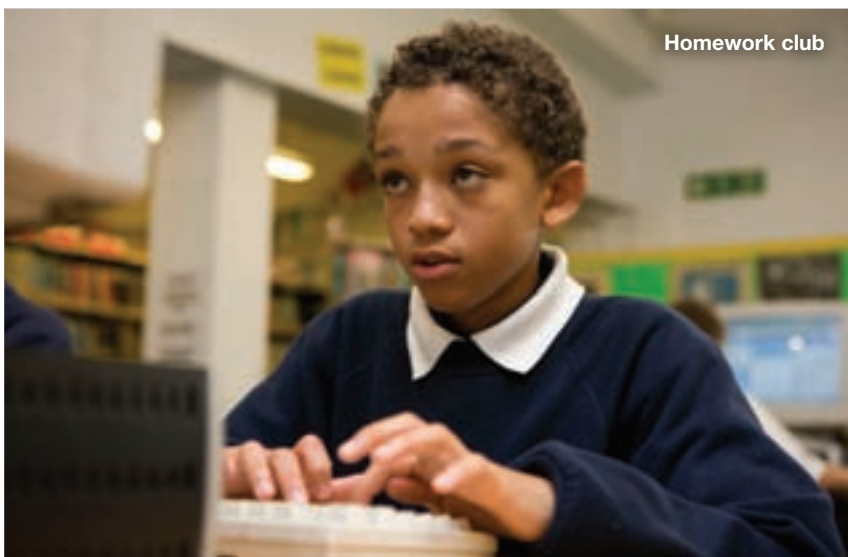
West Ham Community Astro Turf (Beckton)

- 11-18, 6-9pm

Priory Park MUGA, E6



Football



Homework club



Cricket

Wed

- 11-18, 5-8pm
Priory Park MUGA, E6

Thurs

- 11-18, 4-7pm
Priory Park MUGA, E6

Fri

- U14, 4-5.30pm
- Girls 11+, 5.30-7pm
West Ham Community Astro
Turf (Beckton)
- 11-18, 5-8pm
Forest Gate Youth Centre, E7

Air Football 16+

Tues

1-3pm, Stratford Park, E15

Fri

3-5pm, Beckton Powerleague
For more info visit
www.airfootball.co.uk

Ascension Football Academy

For info call Louise on
07841 749 292.
School years R-3:
9.30-10.30am
School years 4-7:
10.45-11.45am
School years 8-11:
12noon-1.30pm
All sessions £2.50
King George V Park, E16

Football and basketball Newham All Star Sports Academy (NASSA)

- 12-16 mixed, Mon
6-7.30pm,
- 18+, 7.30-9pm, Newham
Leisure Centre, E13

- 11-16 girls, Tues,
4.30-6pm, Sarah Bonnell
School, E15
- Fri, 4.15-5.30pm 8-11 mixed
3.30-7.30pm, 12-16 mixed
Cumberland School, E13
For more information about
Newham All Star Sports
Academy (NASSA)
call Chris on 07932756197
or Natasha on 07985281581
or visit www.nassa2012.org.uk

Handball (free)

- Newham Flames, Tues
U15, 3.30-5pm
U18, 5.30-6.30pm
Newham Leisure Centre, E13
(Multi-Sports Hub)
Call Ari Bekker on
020 8430 2484

Multi sports (free)

Newham NSP
- Handball, football,
competition
5-7pm, 8-19
Wed, Stratford Park, E12
- Coaching and competition
4-5.30pm, 8-19
Fri, St John's Community
Centre, Albert Rd, E16

Athletics at Newham Leisure Centre

- Get Set Go Group, 11-16
Mon, 4-5.30pm, £1
- Met Track 10-17
Fri, 4.30-6pm
- Newham and Essex Beagles
Athletics Club, 10+
Mon and Wed, 6.30-9pm;
Sun, 10am-1pm

Email jacqueline.ramsden1@btinternet.com

Cricket

- Tapeball cricket league (free)
11-15, 16+, 6-9pm
Kingsford Astro Turf
- Newham Cricket Club
Monday 5-7pm
8-16, £2 per session
Flanders field,
Napier Road, E6
Visit www.newham.gov.uk
for information.

Boxing

East Ham Boleyn ABC
10- years +; boys only
- Mon, Tues, Wed, 5-6pm
East Ham WMC, 2 Boleyn
Road, E6
Call Daniel Penny on
07958 124 144
- West Ham Boys ABC
9-years +; boys and girls
Mon, Wed, Fri, 5-6pm
The Black Lion, 59-61 High
Street, E13
Call Lianne Jameson on
020 8472 3614
- Peacock ABC 8-years +
Mon, Wed, 6-8pm
boys and girls
Caxton Street North, E16
Call Martin Bowers on 020
7511 3799
- Newham Boys ABC
6-years +; boys only
Mon, Wed, Fri, 6-7.45pm
Old Bath House
141 Church Street, E15
Call Ravinder Atwal/Joe
Chapman 020 8519 5983
- Fight For Peace 11 years
+; boys and girls
(Phone for session details)
Woodman Street,
North Woolwich, E16

Call Marigold Ride
on 020 7474 0054

Contact clubs before visiting

Free non-contact boxing

Non-contact boxing is the
perfect way to increase your
fitness, lose weight, build
strength and learn to defend
yourself.

Osmani Boxing Club is open
to males aged eight to 25
Fridays, 4-6pm
Froud Centre, 1 Toronto
Avenue, E12
For more information call
020 7247 8080 or email
healthyfutures@osmanitrust.org

Free sports@Ascot Hall

Football, girls and boys, eight-
15yrs, Sat, 10am-12pm
Street dance for girls, all ages,
Sat, 12-1pm
Non-contact boxing, eight-
12yrs, Sat, 2-3pm
All sessions are free, for info
call 020 8430 4775
Ascot Hall, Hermit Road, E16

Newham Swords

Learn to fence with Olympic
champions; from ages four
to adult. The Hub in the grounds
of Newham Leisure Centre,
Prince Regent Lane, E13.
Tuesday 6.30-9pm
Thursday 6.30-9pm
Friday 7.30-10pm
Call Linda on 07956 618 898 or
visit www.newhamswords.co.uk

Newham Striders

Free, sociable walking group
that go striding in the local
area seven days a week. Visit



Fencing

www.newham.gov.uk, email paula.peaty@newham.gov.uk or call 020 8430 2000 for more information.

Universal Warriors Kickboxing Club

The Hub, 123 Star Lane, Canning Town

Mondays and Wednesdays, 6.30-8pm
Grassroots, Memorial Park, Memorial Avenue, West Ham
Fridays, 6.30-8pm
Saturdays, 10.30am-12noon
Cost per class: under-16s and concs. £5; 16+ £7
For more information call Don on 07784 712 813 or email teamrichards@hotmail.co.uk

Newham Shoujin Karate Sessions for beginners:

Wednesday 4.30pm-5.30pm (4-15)
Thursday 6-8pm Fighting Fit (karate combat techniques and fitness) (16+)
Friday 6-7pm (4-15) & 7-8pm (16+)
Sunday 10-11am (4-16+)
Sessions are held at Newham Leisure Centre, Prince Regent Lane and the adjacent Multi-Sports Indoor Centre. For more information call 07508 070 638.

Ramgharhia Badminton Club Adults (Advanced)

Tuesdays, 7-9.30pm
Little Ilford School
Church Road
Manor Park

Juniors

Fridays, 6-7.30pm
Adults (Beginners/Intermediate)
Fridays 7.30-9.30pm
Langdon School, Sussex Road, East Ham
For more information and prices contact Kilvir Bahra on 07803 834 037 or email ramgarhia.bc@gmail.com

OPA Netball Club Tuesdays

Under 16s: 6-7pm and over 16s 8-9pm
Matches in Essex Met League/Three Swords League on Saturdays
Lister Community School, St Mary's Road, Plaistow
All levels welcome, for more information and prices call Lesley Jones on 07717 281 529 or email opa_netball_club@hotmail.com

Run in England - all £2

For more details email oimafidon@runinengland.co.uk or call 0797 926 1647

Monday, 4-5.30pm, Newham Leisure Centre E13, meet on the track

Tuesday, 6-7pm, Newham Leisure Centre E13, meet on the track

Wednesdays:

12noon-1pm, Newham Dockside, Dockside Road E16, meet at reception
5.30-6.30pm, Newham Leisure Centre E13, meet on the track

Saturdays, all 10-11.30am: Central Park E6, meet at the café,
Wanstead Flats, meet at Harrow Rd Changing Pavilion
West Ham Park E15, meet at southgate entrance off Portway

Sunday, 10am-12 noon, Newham Leisure Centre E13, meet on the track

Women United FC (16+)

Mondays (Term time only)
6.00-7.15 Kingsford School, Kingsford Way
Call Shona Pollock on 07968 665849

Woodside Badminton Club

Fridays 8-9.30pm
Carpenters Docklands Centre
98 Dibbins Road
E15 2HU. Intermediate and club standard players welcome. Call steve 020 8514 1586.
£5 waged/£3 unwaged

SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

Multi-Sports

Free Flying Wheels club for young wheelchair users aged six to 22. With an emphasis on wheelchair rugby and training from professional players.
Wednesday evenings, 7-9pm
The Hartley Centre, 267 Barking Road, East Ham, E6
Call Eda on 020 8472 0058 for more information.
Mon, Eastlea multi-sports club for SEN & disabled young people, Eastlea Community School, E16, 4-5.30pm
Fri, 4-8pm, Newham Leisure Centre, E13, free

Multi-Activities

People with Disabilities Club, Tues, Newham Leisure Centre, E13, 10.30am-12.30pm

Swimming for children and young people with special needs

Newham Otters Swimming Club, Sat, Newham Leisure Centre E13, 4.45-5.45pm
For more information call 020 8552 3195
£5 Family Swim, Sun, Balaam Leisure Centre, E13, 12.30-2pm
For details call Zeenat on 07528 562 902

Get fit for free

Free use of the gym for one year for people with learning disabilities at Newham Leisure Centre on Tuesdays from 1.30-3.30pm. To book an induction you must contact Zahra Mirza on 020 7511 4477

Goalball

First Thursday of the month at Newham Club, Brampton Manor School from 5-7pm

B1 Football Club

Third Sunday of every month at East Ham Leisure Centre



Karate

from 10am-12noon

For all of the following sessions contact Zahra at GLL on 020 7511 4477.

Free Trampolining sessions

Fri, 4-8pm; Sat 12.30-2.30pm, Newham Leisure Centre, E13

Free exercise to music

Sat, 12.30-2.30pm, Newham Leisure Centre, E13

Mixed swimming session for adults and children

Wed, 10am-12noon, East Ham Leisure Centre, £1.15

Families dealing with Autism Swim

Wed, 4-5pm, Balaam Leisure Centre, free.

Monthly drop-in sessions for people with learning difficulties

Advice about health, housing, leisure, employment, safety and benefits. Free internet access. Drop-in from 5-8pm. Last Monday of every month; next session on **28 March**. Katherine Road Community Centre, Katherine Road, E7. Call Rasime on 020 3373 3874.

ARTS LISTINGS

Stratford Circus

Laundry Boy

Monday 28 March, 1.30 & 7.30pm. Tickets: £10/ £5

concs. Age: 12+

Martin's time has come - to move on from dependence to independence. His journey is both terrifying and exciting as he falls in love, suffers loss and gains a glimpse of who he could be.

Kicking Kangaroo Club

Friday 1 April, 7pm

Tickets: £7

Inspired by Alice in Wonderland, the big finale club night will be action packed with Kickin' music and visuals, dance performances, DJ's film screenings, interactive games, speed dance dating, a giant costume box, dance offs, open mic and lots more.

The Dhol Foundation

Saturday 2 April, 8pm

Tickets: £14/£10 concs.

This mighty musical show delivers Samba, Bhangra, Drum and Bass, Tabla and Hip Hop with explosive theatre and dance making.

Box office 0844 357 2625, website www.stratford-circus.com

Stratford Picturehouse

Cave of forgotten dreams and satellite Q&A with director Werner Herzog

Tuesday 22 March, 6.15pm

Herzog has captured on film the interior of the Chauvet Cave in southern France where the world's oldest cave paintings were discovered in 1994.

Le Ballet de l'Opéra de Paris: Coppelia live via satellite

Monday 28 March, 6.30pm

One of the world's finest companies with a repertoire ranging from major romantic and classical ballets to creations by the most prestigious contemporary choreographers.

Film Quiz

Tuesday 29 March, 8pm. Free entry.

Great prizes on offer including DVDs, posters and a case of beer.

Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford. Website www.picturehouses.co.uk

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following meetings all take place at Newham Town Hall, E6 unless specified.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 22 March, 7pm

Newham Partnership – Better Health and Well Being Partnership Action Board

Thursday 24 March, 3pm

Meetings are subject to cancellation. Details of meetings, agendas and minutes are available on the Newham website

– www.newham.gov.uk

The Forward Plan, also available on the Newham website, sets out all Key Decisions to be taken over the next 4 month period.

MEET THE MAYOR

Mayor's Surgery

Saturday 26 March

9-10am

Manor Park Local Service

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020 8430 2000

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For questions about councillor surgeries or to find out which ward you live in, call 020 8430 2000 or visit www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncillor

Write to the Mayor at Newham Town Hall, Barking Road, London, E6 2RP or email mayor@newham.gov.uk

For information about Community Forums freephone 0800 519 4015 or email community.forums@newham.gov.uk

For information about the 2012 Games and how it will affect Newham, visit www.newham.gov.uk/2012Games

To report anti-social behaviour call Newham's 24-hour hotline on 0800 731 3300

To speak to the Newham Mag team, call 020 8430 2000 or email mag@newham.gov.uk

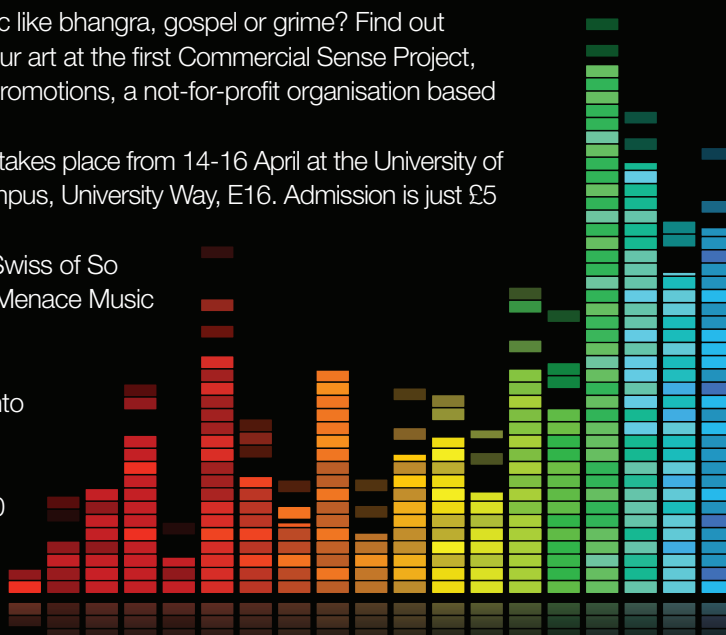
MAKE MONEY FROM MUSIC

Do you make specialist music like bhangra, gospel or grime? Find out how to make money from your art at the first Commercial Sense Project, organised by Zoe's Gospel Promotions, a not-for-profit organisation based in east London.

The three-day conference takes place from 14-16 April at the University of East London, Docklands Campus, University Way, E16. Admission is just £5 per day.

Speakers will include So Swiss of So Solid and Dennis Collopy of Menace Music Management. Topics will include how to get into the charts, getting your music onto radio and so much more.

For more information and interview contact Uzo on 020 8534 2194/2316 or Marcia Dixon on 07877 395955



Centre, 685-689 Romford Road, E12

Speak to the Mayor

Wednesday 24 March, 9.30-10.30am

Call 020 3373 8444 and speak directly to the Mayor.

Question Time

Saturday 14 May, 10.30am
Council Chamber, Old Town Hall Stratford, Broadway, E15
Tuesday 17 May, 7pm
Lister Room, Newham Town Hall, Barking Road, E6

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